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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Training

THROUGH : Chief, Career Training Program

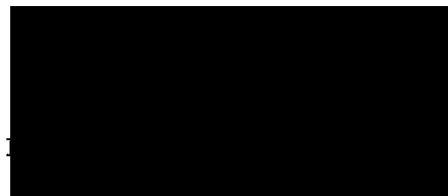
SUBJECT : A Comment on A Proposal for the Office of Training

REFERENCE : DD/S 71-1269

1. I believe the Agency historical program might serve as a starting point in the establishing of a centralized research facility. It would also serve as a valuable and unique reference bank useful to a variety of research efforts. In fact it would probably provide information that researchists could not obtain in any other way. Many facets of the records themselves might also serve to suggest subjects for research. The histories of the direction and evolution of the Directorates should provide, for example, excellent material for in-depth studies of the role and impact of U.S. policy on the CIA.

2. As is known, the Agency historical program has been in progress for some few years. It is my belief, with all due respect to the Executive Historical Staff and its accomplishments, the various component histories are being written almost independent of each other and with varying degrees of success and discipline. Thus the keying of the histories to a research facility might usefully serve a second purpose. Therefore I suggest the incorporation of the historical program into the structure of an Intelligence Institute would find much that would be advantageous and perhaps could lend itself as a mechanical starting point for the Institute concept as well.

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